IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

atent Application of:

Application No.: 09/525,041

Soppet et al

Docket No.: PF178D2

Filed: March 14, 2000

For: Colon Specific Gene and Protein

on Specific Gene and Protein PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Signer for Patents

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to and including April 13, 2003 to respond to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed March 14, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 13, 2002.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$410.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2). The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account. In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Dated: 11 April 2003

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Respectfully submitted,

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